



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shirai, et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/068,423  
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For : PHOTODIODE ARRAY DEVICE,  
A PHOTODIODE MODULE,  
AND A STRUCTURE FOR  
CONNECTING THE  
PHOTODIODE MODULE AND  
AN OPTICAL CONNECTOR  
Examiner : Edward Wojciechowicz  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as shown in the accompanying pages. By this paper, Applicant cancels previously withdrawn Claims 13-24, 26-27, and 29-39, cancels Claims 2 and 5, amends Claims 1, 8, 25, 28, and 40-44, and adds new Claims 49-60. Therefore, Claims 1, 3-4, 6-12, 25, 28, and 40-60 are pending in the application and are presented for additional examination and allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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